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On October 3, 2011, President Obama declared October to be National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), aligning the White House with the initiative of the same name started by the National Cyber Security Alliance and DHS in 2004. The mission of National Cyber Security Month is to educate and empower people to use the internet safely and effectively – which, given our reliance on the internet, is more important than ever.

The theme for this year's NCSAM is Shared Responsibility, which means each person has a role in securing his or her own part of cyber space. When you use the internet safely, you help make it safer for others to use. It's easy to do so. Even simple actions such as updating the security software on your computer and raising awareness of cyber threats have a big impact. For more information on how to protect yourself online, visit staysafeonline.org.